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COMMENT OF THE DAY

How The US Can Help

THE announcement that Mr. Eden and Mr. Butler will shortly be visiting Washington for high level discussions on the need for and the possibility of more co-ordinated British Commonwealth-US economic and financial policies invites a flash-back comment on the recent conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London. From the somewhat guarded accounts of meetings held to decide on the future of sterling, the prospects of world trade and the recovery of Britain's trading position, the impression is left that there were more areas of agreement than dispute. The conference laboured under one severe disadvantage. It was forced to confer on common policies and future prospects without any clear idea of what policy the United States intends to follow during the next four years. Two choices faced the Prime Ministers. They could have turned their backs on the hope of a greater freedom of world trade and on any prospect of making the pound freely exchangeable with the rest of the world's currencies. This would have meant still more drastic curbs on trade with the United States and a frantic scramble to buy and sell within the high walls of a British Commonwealth system of tariff preferences. The conference turned its back on any such limitation, any such retreat. A more uphill road toward the horizons of freer currencies has been charted. First, a greater degree of self-sufficiency within the sterling nations must be achieved. Efforts to narrow the gap between what the nations owe the United States and what they can buy from her will be sought as far as possible without fresh loans or grants. "Trade, not aid," is a tonic to future policy, but those who quote it to do so with the understanding that neither America nor any other nation will buy what it does not need and cannot use, out of mistaken benevolence.

THE British Commonwealth has made a real effort to co-ordinate investments in industry and to make a joint plan for trading with each other and the world. The Commonwealth countries resisted the easy temptation of tariff walls and trade bonuses to each other. And they have affirmed they will try to balance their books by a study of world trade needs and an attempt to compete in filling these along businesslike lines. The new Administration in Washington, therefore, will not be confronted with mendacious beseeching for handouts when Mr. Eden and Mr. Butler go to America. Nevertheless, the very restraint and purpose of the Commonwealth with which the United States is allied, merits it being met halfway. The Commonwealth nations are determined to ask for a new world economic conference that will challenge American sincerity and intentions. For, while there is no reason why the United States should allow herself to become a dumping ground for useless manufactures uneconomically produced, there is every reason why she should aid and encourage the rest of the world to sell her what she needs and does not herself produce economically. American politicians and businessmen have urged upon the world greater devotion to the principles of free trade and convertible currencies. The time is now ripe for the United States to give every assistance to those countries who are anxious and willing to give the fullest possible expression to these principles.

Death Of Mr R.P. Phillips

OLD HONGKONG RESIDENT

Mr Reginald Philip Phillips, a very old and well known resident of Hongkong, died early this morning at the St Teresa's Hospital at the age of 73.

Mr Phillips first arrived in Hongkong in 1900 to join Messrs A. S. Watson and Co.

Four years later he moved to Shanghai and joined the staff of Gande, Price, Ltd., remaining there until the outbreak of World War I. He returned to England and served with the forces.

He returned to Shanghai after the war and remained with Gande, Price in that city until 1930, when he retired.

The following year he returned to Hongkong and became associated with the local office of Gande, Price, serving as Manager and later as a Director until he retired in June of last year.

During the Japanese occupation he was interned at Stanley.

A keen sportsman, the late Mr Phillips was a particularly fine footballer in his young days. He was also a billiards champion and an excellent lawn bowler.

In Hongkong his sporting interest was mainly concentrated on lawn bowls. He was one



THE LATE MR PHILLIPS

time Secretary of Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association and President of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. He took a lawn bowls side to Shanghai in 1947 and defeated the Shanghai team in the first interport match after World War II.

The late Mr Phillips took a leading part in the rehabilitation of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club after Liberation.

He was also, for many years, a member of the Kowloon Cricket Club.

The late Mr Phillips was a Freemason, being a member of Lodge St John.

He was a bachelor, and survived by an elder brother Thomas, who resides in London.

The funeral takes place tomorrow, the cortege passing The Monument at 4 p.m.

Queen Accepts A Sturgeon

A Royal sturgeon, weighing 40 lbs, was delivered for the Queen at Buckingham Palace this morning. It was caught at Grimsby by a trawler and sold to a local fish merchant.

Since the days of Edward II, all sturgeons caught around the coasts of Britain belong to the sovereign and in accordance with tradition, the fish merchant offered it to the Queen.

So rarely does a sovereign accept such an offer that the merchant had already sent the fish to a customer in Yeovil, Somerset, when a telegram arrived from the Palace to say "Your very kind offer gladly accepted."

The fish merchant at once got in touch with his Yeovil customer and the sturgeon was sent by road to Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.

EDEN'S STATEMENT ON SUDAN

Denies Trying To Detach Southern Provinces

London, Jan. 20.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, denied today that Britain was trying to detach the Southern provinces from the rest of the Sudan.

At the same time, in the House of Lords, the Marquess of Reading said that the Big Three were still determined to prevent violations of the armistice between the Arab States and Israel.

He made the statement in the Lords in a sharp exchange over the export of jet planes to Middle Eastern countries, including Egypt.

Mr Eden's statement heralded the opening of a long, controversial session of Parliament.

He said he was glad to say agreement had been reached with Egypt on a large number of points at issue but negotiations had been complicated by agreements reached by different Sudanese parties with the Egyptian government.

In answer to a question, he said it was essential to reach agreement over the Sudan with Egypt before taking up other questions—British forces in the Suez Canal Zone and the Middle East defence scheme proposed by the West.

He said a Sudanese Parliament must be elected as soon as possible, adding that this was underlined by the differences between various Sudanese Party agreements with Egypt and by the fact that no Southern Sudanese representative took part in them.

Mr Eden recalled that the chief difficulty in negotiations had been over the special powers given to the Governor-General, a British, in the draft statute for self-government approved by the Sudanese Legislative Assembly.

"I must make it clear the Government have not proposed to add to these provisions, but it was to the continuation of these safeguards that the Southern representatives agreed and we do not think they should be removed without the views of the Southern population."

"I regret that our attitude on this should have given rise to suspicions that we wish to detach the Southern provinces from the North. Nothing could be further from the truth."

The preservation of the unity of the Sudan depends on willing co-operation and mutual confidence among various sections of the population and in our view nothing will contribute more to this than to show the Southern population at the outset that their wishes will be taken into consideration in the settlement of matters of vital importance to them."

Mr Eden said, in answer to questions, that the elected Sudanese Parliament itself should decide the matter.

"We have not delayed an election, as suggested in some quarters, for some imperialistic manoeuvre but in order to try and get an international agreement by which election could take place under joint auspices."

CO-OPERATION AIM

He said Britain would do everything it could to get Egyptian co-operation in introducing Sudanese self-government and self-determination.

He added that one of the difficulties was that Britain was working on the assumption that the two countries still exercised condominium over the Sudan, while Egypt thought that this had broken up. He denied that the United States had charged the British with complacency on this issue.

The Marquess of Reading, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said earlier in the Lords that Britain, France and the United States stood by their undertaking in their joint statement of May 1949 to prevent violation of frontiers or armistice lines by either side in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The undertaking remained "in full force and effect," he said in answer to sharp questions by the Labour Peer, Lord Strabolgi, on the sale of jet planes to Middle Eastern countries.

Lord Reading said that after changes in the defence programme, announced last July by the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, it was possible to resume exports of jet aircraft.

Two Kikuyus Murdered

Nairobi, Jan. 20.

Terrorists murdered two Kikuyus, both believed to be resistance men, in the Kiambu district, about ten miles north of Nairobi, last night.

One was slashed with pangas (long knives) and the other was burned to death in his hut.

A loyal Kikuyu today gave the warning that Mau Mau terrorists, who had been chased back into their reserves by recent clearing-up operations, were planning new murders.

The Kikuyu told administrative officers at Nyeri, north of Nairobi, that a new series of murders were being planned by terrorists.

Chief Gethi, ruler of one of the smallest locations on the Nyeri reserve, was arrested last night as an alleged Mau Mau adherent.

Four Africans were murdered in the Fort Hall district, 20 miles south of Nyeri, on Sunday night, police announced today.—Reuter.

IRON AND LEAD FOUND IN COW

Bellville, Jan. 20.

An arsenal of potential weapons was removed from the stomach of a cow belonging to Mr S. Beuzendhout, of Bethanie, Durbanville, South Africa.

A veterinary surgeon recovered lengths of iron and lead tubing, pieces of wood, a big nail and stones.

The cow has recovered from the operation. She had to receive 150 stitches.—Reuter.



Above is Frederick F. Lenzen, 24-year-old American airman who has been charged at the US Air Force Base at Manston, Kent, with stealing eleven pistols. He said he had intended to sell one of the guns in an attempt to raise money for his marriage to a 21-year-old English girl, and to keep one pistol for himself.—London Express Photo.

Fisticuffs In Italian Parliament

Rome, Jan. 20.

Fights started in the Italian Chamber of Deputies (Lower House) tonight as Leftist Deputies played a last card in their struggle against a government bill to change the electoral law.

Nearly 200 Leftwing members leapt to their feet and tried to charge the government benches as one of their colleagues staggered into the chamber and shouted that police outside had beaten him up.

The President of the Chamber ordered the benches to be cleared as burly ushers forced back the Communist and Socialist Deputies and gradually restored order.

Thousands of police sealed off all streets near the Parliament building after more than 1,000 Communist-led demonstrators had been detained in the centre of Rome.

POLICE CHARGE

Jeeplions of armed police with sirens screaming had charged into columns of strikers trying to march on Parliament.

The Communist transport strike tied up buses and trams for an hour tonight as Communist and Socialist Deputies drew towards the end of their 60-hour filibuster against the electoral reform bill.

Since Sunday, more than 140 Communist and Leftwing Socialist speakers have risen to make "declarations" against the bill—thus delaying the crucial vote of confidence on it demanded by the Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi.

The bill provides that the party or group of parties polling over half the popular votes in a general election will get two-thirds of the seats in the Lower House. This would reduce the Left and Right wing parties to ineffective minorities after this spring's general election of Deputies.—Reuter.

Spy Sentenced To Death

London, Jan. 20.

The principal accused of a group of ten, charged with plotting to overthrow the Bulgarian Communist government, was sentenced to death by shooting today, Sofia Radio reported.

The man, Todor Stolanov Christov, was described as a former member of the Bulgarian Tzarist army.

The other nine accused received prison sentences ranging from 10 months to 20 years.—Reuter.

Opening Of School Postponed

As a mark of respect to the late Dr S. W. Tao, who was a member of the permanent Board of Direction of the Po Leung Kuk, it has been decided to postpone the opening of the Po Leung Kuk school, originally arranged for tomorrow, until Thursday, January 29 at 4 p.m.

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| RACE 2 | RACE 2 |
| Boom Town Deuces Wild Santa Claus Outsider:—Ben Lawers. | Boom Town Hiram C. Deuces Wild Outsider:—Santa Claus. |
| RACE 3 | RACE 3 |
| Flying Dutchman Gabriel Junks Perfectibility Outsider:—Ambition. | Flying Dutchman Ambition Isana Outsider:—Boyne. |
| RACE 4 | RACE 4 |
| Bankfoot Aviemore Icefield Outsider:—Jolmber. | Bankfoot Norseman Kentucky Lad Outsider:—Top Secret. |
| RACE 5 | RACE 5 |
| Iping Adorable Ada Lasso Outsider:—Gold Crown. | Iping Bonita Adorable Ada Outsider:—Lassie. |
| RACE 6 | RACE 6 |
| Adorable Atlanta Lilly Tonyber Outsider:—Meadowbrook. | Marletta Adorable Atlanta Arabian Dagger Outsider:—Glorious. |
| RACE 7 | RACE 7 |
| Matador Al Fresco A Grand Time Outsider:—Windchaser. | Phoenix Al Fresco Matador Outsider:—A Grand Time. |
| RACE 8 | RACE 8 |
| Gladiolus Heliophyte Busy Bee Outsider:—Prairie Moon. | Prairie Moon Lawn Fleet Admiral Outsider:—Busy Bee. |
| RACE 9 | RACE 9 |
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Pres. Eisenhower Lassoed After Inauguration

Washington, Jan. 20.

During the Presidential inauguration parade an odd cowboy roaming along the edge of the crowd lassoed a policeman as he passed by on his steed. The policeman's failure to see the amusement side of the rope trick was compensated by Mamie's energetic applause.

Encouraged by the appreciation shown by America's First Lady, the cowboy asked the President's permission to rope him in. The President consented and as he stood up, the sure snaking loop of a real American cowboy entwined the general as its captive.

Instinctively bodyguards smothered the President, with Mamie startled to see her husband caught so early in his presidential career, but the battery of press photographers, the blanketing the march past stand, had fired off their cameras on Eisenhower in the loop of one of his Kansas cowboys.

As with all American parades, the drum majorettes were there with their twirling batons and shapely legs but for the show of shows, the World Champion Majorette, Miss Hilda Gay Maybury, was on the Kentucky float.

Spectators' appreciation of her skill at turning the baton at a speed of an aircraft propeller was only equalled by their admiration of her generously displayed legs.

Representatives of Negro Republicans of New York followed in the disguise of "Uncle Sam" in their red striped trousers and blue and white striped coats.

The cold dull weather did not prevent 15 beautiful girls from appearing on the Marine float wearing their costumes. They were followed by Miss America, former Miss Video Venus and former Miss Television smiling among the palm leaves of the Florida float.

The parade ended at night fall as three main attractions filed past the President's stand. They were Miss Burma, the elephant rymolling the Republican Party, America's first atomic gun, and the District of Columbia's peace float.

Miss Burma halted briefly in front of Eisenhower, bending her knees in the customary elephant salute and moved on.

The peace float of the District of Columbia, which is the Washington district, represented an enormous world map surrounded by baskets with live pigeons.

As the float rolled past the President all the pigeons were released despite a strong protest lodged yesterday by the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The birds flew off, lustily flapping their wings.

Darkness fell and powerful searchlights were lit as President Eisenhower and his wife entered the White House which is to be their residence for the next four years.—France-Press.

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| Government and other public securities, not exceeding market value | 970,940,108.20 |
| Other securities, not exceeding market value | 103,003,282.00 |
| Call loans | 80,830,435.20 |
| Other loans and discounts | 885,347,461.57 |
| Liabilities of customers under letters of credit | 69,308,976.45 |
| Other assets | 25,818,768.40 |
| | \$2,091,460,873.71 |
| Liabilities | |
| Capital, reserve and undivided profits | \$ 22,564,217.54 |
| Notes in circulation | 101,062.88 |
| Deposits | 2,527,510,437.43 |
| Letters of credit outstanding | 69,308,976.45 |
| Other liabilities | 1,912,179.61 |
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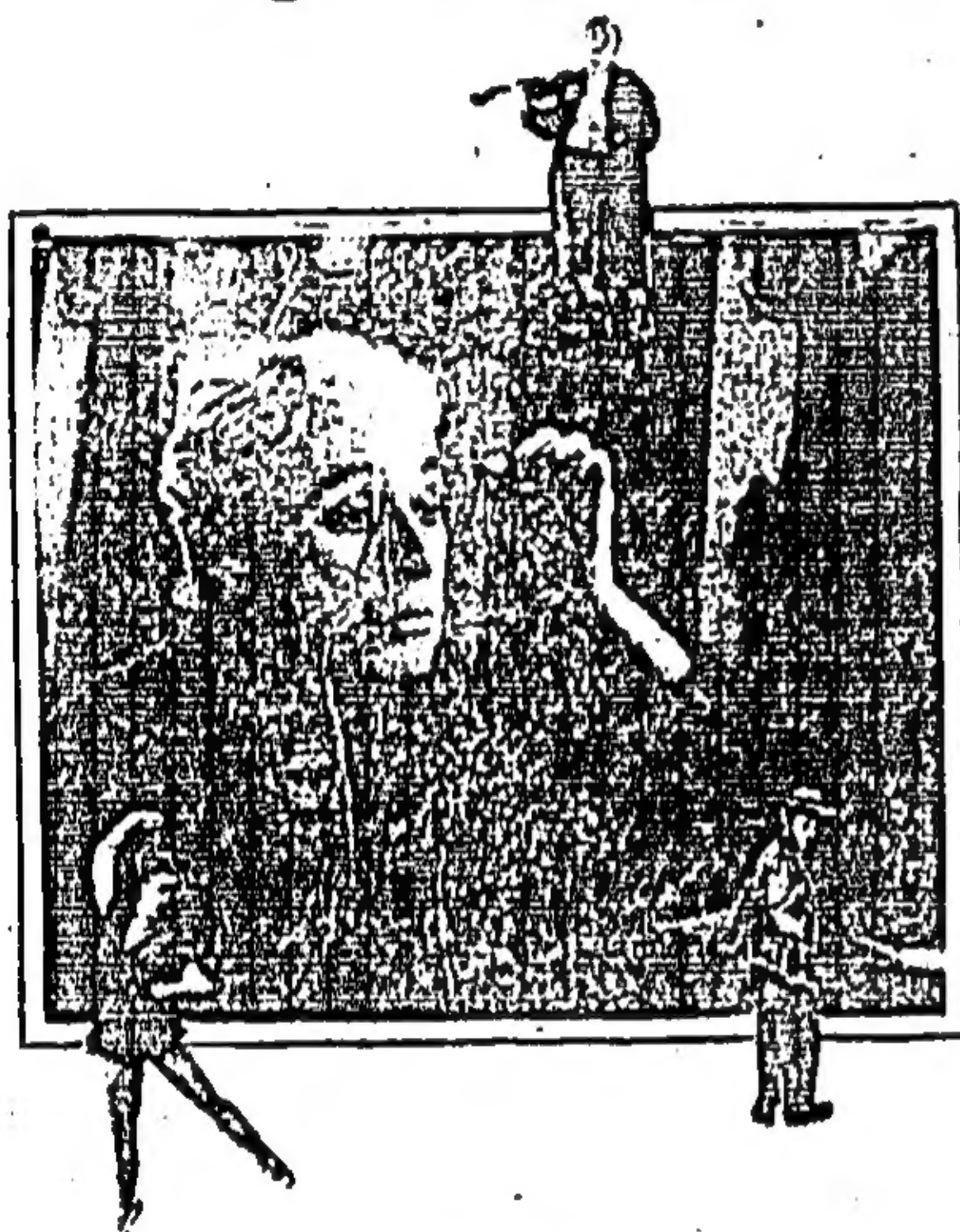
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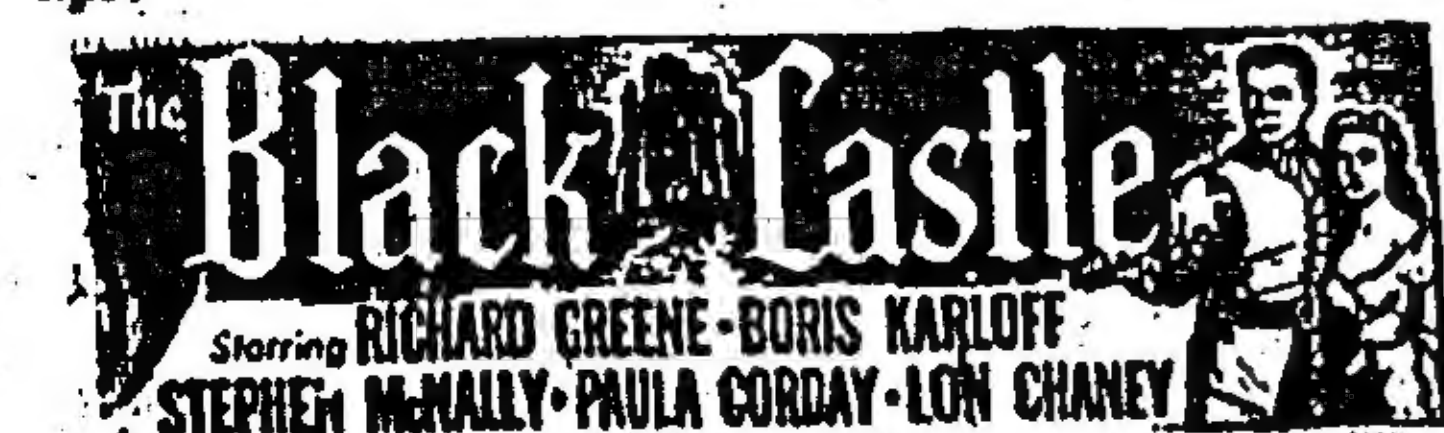
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COMMENCING TO-MORROW: A TECHNICOLOR FILM
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Chaplin's Son Grows Beard



This bearded man is Sidney Chaplin, son of the great Charlie Chaplin, seen as he takes part in the film "Somewhere in the World", which is being made at Villefranche-sur-Mer, on the French Riviera. His co-star, Kirk Douglas, is seen looking on. — Express Photo.

'Bomber' Harris To Make His Home In Canada?

London, Jan. 20.

Sir Arthur "Bomber" Harris, fiery wartime chief of RAF Bomber Command, who retired to South Africa when the war ended and was belatedly honoured with a baronetcy in the New Year Honours List, has now left South Africa for good—but still has no intention of returning to England.

He was in Vancouver when the news came through about his baronetcy. If he can find a suitable job in Canada he will stay there.

"Bomber" Harris is reported to have left South Africa because "Dr. Malan, the Premier, and the South African Nationalists had got him down."

And why did he leave England? His departure followed

bitter controversy, much of which raged in secret while the war was on. With Britain's bomber force, Harris did much to hammer the Germans to defeat. But the row began over the question: "Should we have bombed the German cities so hard?"

At the end of the war, all the other top leaders of Britain's war services were rewarded with peerages. "Bomber" Harris got nothing. He went away, angry and disillusioned.

Harris had taken over Bomber Command in February, 1942 when it was a relatively ineffective force. He blasted inefficiency into his squadrons and groups. He directed the expansion of the force. And finally, he knocked the German industrial potential into a heap of rubble.

SERIES OF FEUDS

He poked his fierce ginger moustache into every corner of his command. And he drove his crews hard, drove them into casualties which might have broken the heart of a lesser man and the spirit of a force less inspiringly led.

All the time he kept up a series of feuds with anybody who stood in his way or seemed likely to stand in his way. "Bomber" Harris went on fulminating in South Africa and then wrote a forthright book which kept plenty of sores open and created a few new ones as well.

Now he has moved on to Canada with no wish to return to either England or South Africa.

For a tough man, he is extraordinarily sensitive. He quarrelled with many people in England—and not even a baronetcy makes him forget. But he will be remembered in a title, for he has a son who becomes heir to the baronetcy.

GREAT STRIDES

Another dog that has made great strides in popularity in a few years is the Corgi—largely because of Royal patronage. There are 174 in the Corgi Show this year.

The no-bark dogs—the Basenjis—are no longer a novelty. There are 24 in the show. They are making a reputation as good house dogs.

Loneliest dogs in the show will be a German wire-haired pointer and a German long-haired pointer, both the only ones in their class.

Total of dogs on show is 80 fewer than last year. Dogs which earn dollars and other foreign currency for Britain numbered 2,305 in 1952—an all-time record. They brought in more than £500,000—an average of about £200 each.

SOMETHING NEW IN AUCTIONS

Scratching Your Head Might Cost A Million

New York, Jan. 20.

They assemble regularly in the ballroom of the Austin Hotel, Austin, Texas. But no sweet music wells out from the orchestra's platform—and the 300 or so soberly-dressed businessmen who crowd the floor on certain days have certainly not come to jive.

On the contrary, they are attending one of the most exciting and unusual auctions in the world, held annually at this well-known Western hotel.

The size of some of their bids indicates the seriousness of the occasion. The auctioneer—George Apple, a jewel salesman when not wielding the hammer—is usually able to work up at least a few of the offers to the million-dollar mark.

And even then, he will probably not be satisfied: "Come on gentlemen! Who'll give one million, ten? Thank you, that gentleman in the Sietson; at one million, ten; and now twenty—and again thirty; at one million, thirty; I'm closing at one million thirty; for the last time, then, at one million, thirty thousand dollars; have you all done? Right! Sold!"

A tap of the mallet closes another deal that will mean the on-the-spot writing of a seven-figure cheque.

This scene, soon again to be re-enacted in 1953, is the annual disposal of oil leases on land belonging to the University of Texas.

RELY ON LUCK

These leases are granted on five-year terms, and each year those that have expired are put up for auction again. Successful bidders pay annual rents of one dollar per acre, plus royalties of one-eighth the value of any oil they may produce.

And "may" is the operative word, for many leases relate to land on which oil has not yet been found.

Naturally, before bidding for such leases, the oil companies assign their own geologists and geophysicists to make intensive preliminary surveys of the land in question, and assure themselves that at least the underground rock strata is of a type that could contain oil.

But they must still rely on good fortune supplementing expert scientific guidance. One company last year bid nearly \$2 million to secure the lease of a four-square-mile tract—and then the first bore hole proved "dry!"

True, they may have better luck before their five-year lease expires, but at the moment, they are heavily "in the red."

For the authorities, who use the revenues thus obtained to subsidize State-supported higher education, it is a lucrative business.

Annual rents and royalties total around \$12 million, while the 20 lease auctions held to date have netted another \$142 million.

A HUMORIST

It is not a bad business for the auctioneer, either. Successful bidders add ten per cent to their winning bids as his fee, and when dealing in million dollar offers, even one per cent makes a handsome payment.

Auctioneer Apple has made a name as a humorist as well as a first-class man with the mallet.

Last year, when bidding was near the million mark, he spotted one oil man—well-known for his reluctance to pay really steep prices for oil leases—absent-mindedly raise his hand to scratch his head. Since a raised hand is also the sign of an offered bid, the auctioneer promptly called out: "Steady, John! You're just about to spend a million bucks..."

The other nearly dislocated his shoulder through the force with which he snatched down his arm!

HMS Kenya At Haifa

Haifa, Jan. 20. The British cruiser, Kenya, arrived here today on an unofficial three-day visit and was welcomed with a salute from Israeli shore batteries. —Router.

100 Children To Have Test From "Topsy"

London, Jan. 20.

One hundred Bristol youngsters will be introduced to Topsy, a mechanical mind-reader, during the year. Topsy is short for toposcope.

A team of scientists will study the results of the machine as it records the workings of the children's minds.

One investigation will be into the causes of juvenile delinquency.

Topsy reproduces a plan of the brain on a screen. As a section of the brain works, a green face on the screen heightens in colour. Scientists hope, eventually, to be able to judge how ideas actually form in the brain.

Gigantic Housing Drive In W. Germany

Bonn, Jan. 20.

Western Germany plans to complete 400,000 "dwelling units" this year in her great housing drive which is leading all countries in Europe.

Reason for this housing boom is not hard to find.

So far, the Germans are contributing neither equipment nor man power to Western defence. Thus the Ruhr industries can provide a steady flow of essential housing materials without regard for an arms production programme.

A call-up for a 500,000 strong German army, air force and navy is also as far away as it was when the plan was agreed two years ago, and so there is no drain on the working population for this purpose.

Altogether 700,000 workers are now employed in the housing drive and 1,200,000 homes housing some five million people have been built in the last three years.

The plan for 1953 will cost \$400,000,000, of which \$420,000,000 is guaranteed by private building organisations and government assistance schemes.

FREE ENTERPRISE
Main aspects of the German programme are:

1. All building is on a free enterprise basis.

2. Construction deals largely with flats and also covers the restoration of bombed out premises.

In spite of the progress made, Western Germany, already obliged to maintain over ten million refugees, will have to find in all four million new "dwelling units" before everyone has a home.

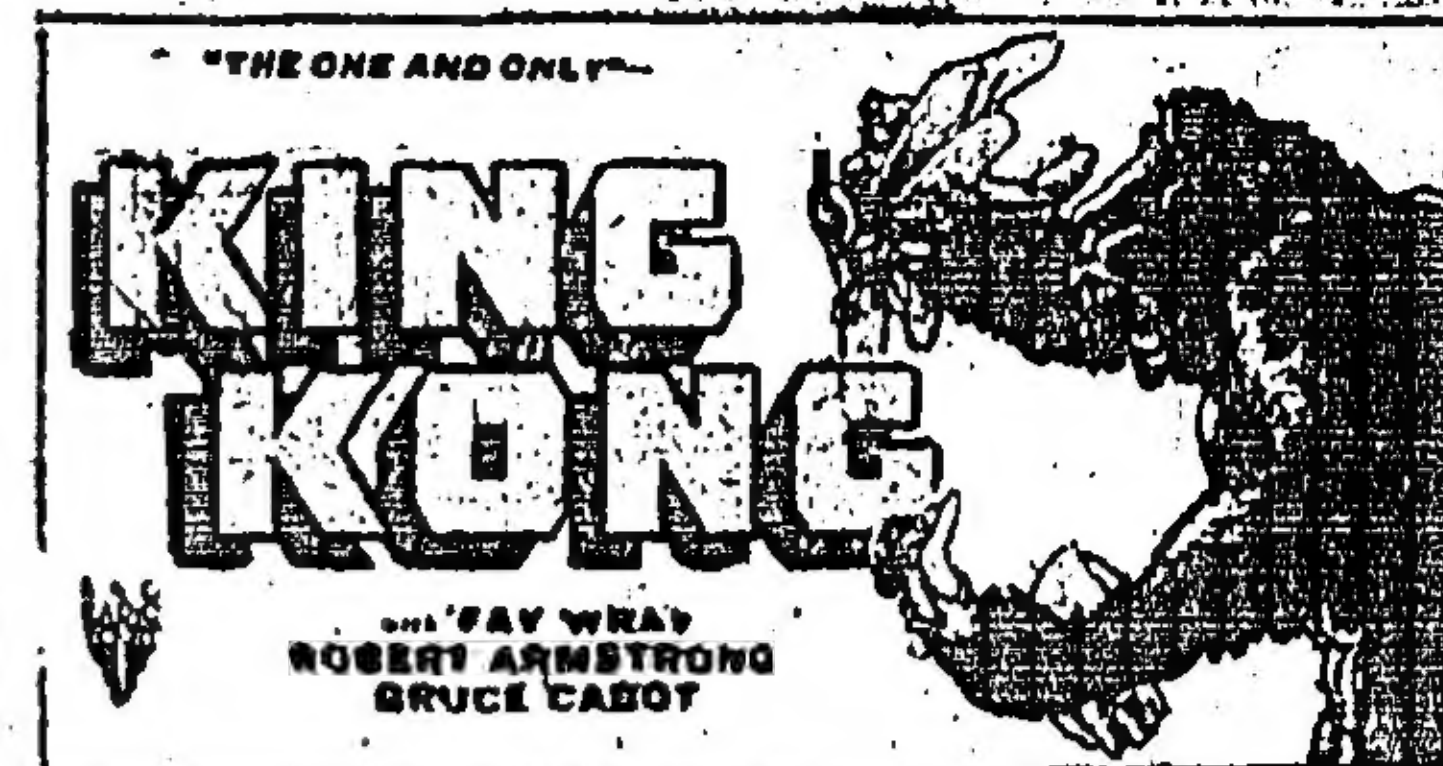
This task—the flow of refugees still averages some 600 a day—will take twelve or even more years to complete.

"We owe our progress to date," Federal Economic Minister Ludwig Erhard has said, "not to false romanticism in social matters but to our go-ahead, down-to-earth economic policy."

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SOMETIMES they seem to be all men the most to be envied, those who stand behind the shiny counters of travel-agencies, glibly recommending this exclusive Continental resort, that dream island in the Caribbean.

As they make out the map, these men speak with easy familiarity of remote, romantic destinations. They give you the impression that they spend most of their lives commuting from one delight to another by train de luxe, liner and the latest aeroplanes; that they do not have to wait, or, dispensing the wisdom, as gloriously acquired, only in between times, while waiting, say, for their laundry to catch up with them.

It is, or it seems to be, the life. Then you look at the counter-clerks more closely, and you see that they like you are sun-starved and pale. You begin to wonder whether all their knowledge might not be second-hand, mugged up from books and brochures studied over gas-stoves in London lodgings.

ALBERT, for instance, He, for 30-odd years, has been selling sunshine, ski resorts, sea-cruises, over the counter of a West End travel agency; and no one looks more in need of a change of air than he.

Albert is a gaunt, craggy man of 58. He is married, but separated from his wife, and his three grown-up daughters, he says, will have nothing to do with him.

He is a lonely man, therefore, though whether he brought the loneliness upon himself or not, it is impossible to say. One thing is certain; he has been trying to escape from it by drinking a great deal more either than was good for him or than he could afford on his pay as a booking clerk at the ticket agency.

He wanted to forget how lonely he was; and the more he drank to that end, the more drink it needed to achieve forgetfulness. Albert began to steal the money he took for travel tickets. All through the busy summer season he stole. Six pounds here, £8 there, once as much as £13, once as little as 30s. By September last, he had stolen over £120.

HE suddenly realised the enormity of it all, and panic seized him. His holiday was due. He told his friends he was going to Jersey; and he who had booked so many tickets for other people, now booked one for himself. But he booked to Dublin, not Jersey.

At the back of his mind, confusedly, he believed he could shed his identity and begin life all over again in Ireland. For when his thefts came to light, his friends in the office would remember what he said about his holiday; the hunt for him would start in the Channel Islands, and perhaps would end there, too.

In Dublin, something happened to him. Either his conscience spoke up, or he lost his nerve for the escape. The morning of his arrival, he walked into the Dublin branch of the travel agency, and admitted everything.

It was some time before his story could be checked. Albert came back to London, and got himself a job as a kitchen porter, and waited for the police to come for him.

At last they came. Albert was brought to Bow Street where, before the Chief Magistrate, Sir Laurence Dunne, he pleaded guilty to two charges of embezzlement, and asked for six other cases to be taken into consideration.

"I'll pay the money back, sir," said Albert. "I know all the trade secrets of my firm, but I'll never go into the travel business and use them against them, sir and..." He told of his wife and daughters.

"It is a tragic case," Sir Laurence said. "I'll assume all you've done to help the police amounts to a gesture of contrition. Had you not behaved as you did, I should have passed an infinitely heavier sentence on you. As it is, you will go to prison for six months."

Albert, going out, looked strangely relieved, as if already, he were starting life afresh, with a conscience crystal clear. It was the kind of change he needed.

London Tea Centre Set A Record

London, Jan. 20. London's Tea Centre, just off Piccadilly Circus, had a record attendance of 344,034 visitors in 1952 against 295,268 the previous year.

Sponsored by the Tea Bureau and started in 1946, it has become a popular rendezvous for West End shoppers and tourists who drop in for a quick cup and a chat.

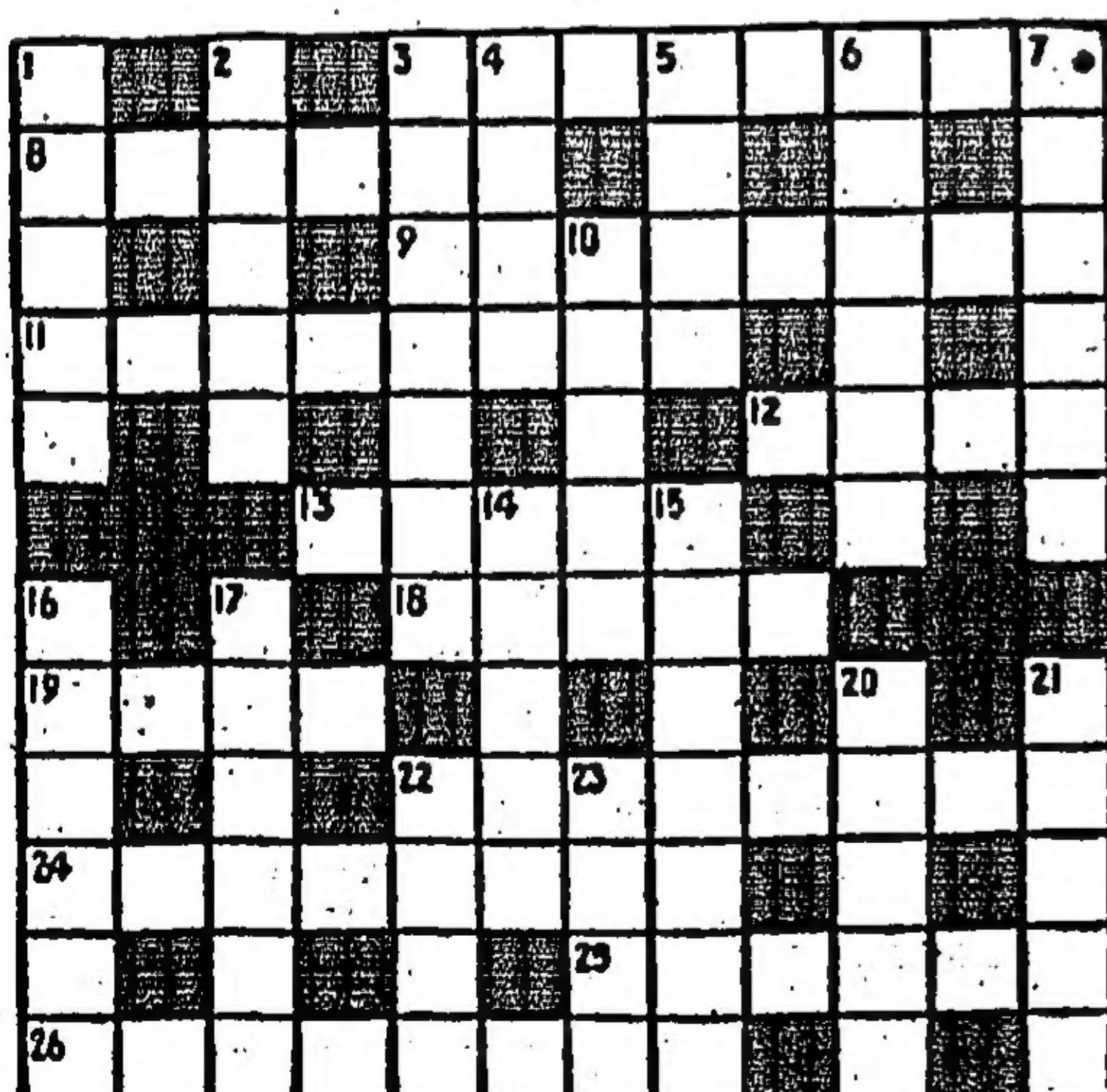
The increase in public attendance has been helped by the policy of staging exhibitions of national as well as of technical interest at the Centre. Three topical exhibitions relating to the Coronation have been planned for this year.

In the first, the Council of Industrial Design, will display current Coronation souvenirs chosen from thousands submitted by manufacturers.

In the second, the Lullington Silk Farm will show how the material for Coronation robes was produced—from silkworm to finished product.

The third exhibition will be a display of souvenirs of past Royal occasions, such as Coronations, jubilees, weddings and similar events.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Building (8).
 - Chart (6).
 - Optimistic (8).
 - Baby (8).
 - Fail to include (4).
 - Permission (6).
 - Fascination (6).
 - Scout (4).
 - Throws away (8).
 - Item of jewellery (8).
 - Distant (6).
 - Put off (8).
- DOWN**
- Nip (5).
 - Weight (5).
 - Makes certain (7).
 - Quantity of paper (4).
 - Teeth (4).
 - Peccadilloes of language (4).
 - Jewish quarter (6).
 - Clash (6).
 - Month (6).
 - Chosen by vote (7).
 - Investigated (6).
 - Collision (6).
 - Sag (6).
 - Shove in (6).
 - Expensive (4).
 - Withered (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—3 Streamer, 7 Habit, 8 Addendum, 10 Astute, 13 Dissect, 16 Men, 17 Rotates, 18 Phases, 20 Real, 21 Estates, 23 Examine, 25 Converse, 26 Alike, 27 Sediment, Down—1 Ahead, 2 Abuse, 3 State, 4 Even, 5 Mid, 6 Remains, 9 Decree, 11 Slide, 12 Usual, 14 Tosses, 16 Modern, 18 Seven, 19 Preels, 10 Earned, 22 Treat, 23 Timid, 24 Sewer, 25 Term.

India's "Joan Of Arc"



India's "Joan of Arc"—screen star Mehtab Modi. Mehtab, in a sequin-embroidered peach coloured sari, has just completed a film of the Sepoy mutiny of 1857, in which she plays the title role of the Rajni of Jhansi, the sari rebel. Her husband, Suresh Modi, directed the film. The couple has just spent six months in England arranging for the colour processing of the picture. — Express Photo.

Bottle Message Arrived Thirty Years Late

Adepts at the intriguing pastime of throwing overboard from ships on the high seas personal messages in bottles are the British Servicemen, who are well up in the list of writers whose floating missives have been tossed about by the oceans for astonishing lengths of time before finally being hauled in by the finder.

Besides Servicemen, all sorts of people for a variety of reasons send bottled messages floating over the seas. Some are mere hoaxers, others shipwrecked sailors, quite a few scientists endeavouring to trace the movement of ocean currents and the migration of fish. The outward and homeward-bound sailor and soldier do it as a mere pastime.

Some of these bottled messages have been known to remain afloat for an astonishing number of years before being retrieved. The most remarkable recorded case of all concerned one thrown into the sea during the Boer War by Trooper Jones from the troopship Orient, a pioneer ship of the line of the same name. His message was enclosed in the old-fashioned soda water bottle. Year after year it was tossed about the ocean and survived until at long last it was retrieved 30 years later close to Albany. Jones himself survived the war, and when his bottle was given up by the sea he was a man of over 60 years of age.

Nine years ago Jack Oppl, of Condobolin, New South Wales, had returned to him a message which in April 1918, he threw overboard into the sea between Encounter Bay and Kangaroo Islands when he was serving in the 1914 war with the Australian Army. His pencilled message in a lemonade bottle was recovered by a woman on the west coast of Tasmania and returned to him 28 years later.

Five years ago another bottled message ended its long sea journey 22½ years after it had been tossed from a troopship by being sent to the Australian woman for whom it was intended on a beach near Cape Riché.

'Flu Epidemic In Bavaria

Munich, Jan. 20. Many schools in Bavaria have been closed to check the spread of an influenza epidemic which has so far caused eight deaths, health authorities said today.

The deaths were all in Munich and the Alpine district of Traunstein.

No overall figure of people affected was reported except from Traunstein district where the number of cases was near 600, health authorities said. — Reuter.

Empire Division Gets Praise From Gen. Roberts

"WELL-FOUND FORCE"

London, Jan. 20.

"The closely-integrated British Commonwealth Division in Korea is as well-found as any Britain has ever put in the field," said General Sir Ouvry L. Roberts, Quartermaster-General to the Forces, on his return to London after a short tour of inspection of the Far East.

The General, famed commander of the 23rd Indian "Fighting Cock" Division during the bitter siege of Imphal in Burma in World War Two, visited forward troops north of Seoul and various installations in the South Korean capital and Pusan, and all base units in Kure, Japan, as well as the Elbisan Leave Camp, four miles from Tokyo.

He said he had been tremendously impressed by all he had seen, and could not speak too highly of the spirit which pervaded the whole Commonwealth Force.

He held talks with General Mark Clark, the Supreme Commander, his Chief of Staff, General Van Fleet, the Eighth Army Commander, and Lieutenant-General Kendall, who led the 1st United States Corps in which the division is serving. All were high in their praise of the Commonwealth Division, which he regarded as at least as good if not better than any they have.

NEW WINTER KIT

After some of the scare reports circulating last winter, General Roberts was able to reassure the people of Britain that the troops were splendidly clothed, equipped and fed. Travelling around the forward areas in an open jeep, starting sometimes before dawn, in temperatures below zero, he was able to test personally the troops' clothing as he wore the standard cold weather kit — "and I was not cold at all," he added.

Some of the items are the envy of other nationalities, especially the ankle boots and plastic insoles, which afford maximum insulation and ventilation by providing a layer of warm air under the socked feet, and the parka jacket, which is worn over the combat smock in the coldest weather. This is made of water repellent and windproof cotton gabardine lined with wool pile. Its hood can be worn over a combat cap or balaclava helmet, and the outer edge of the front collar contains malleable wire so that the opening can be reduced to the minimum necessary.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Part of this kit (which altogether weighs 10½ lbs as against the 8 to 9 lbs of clothing troops wear in Britain) will be even further improved by next winter.

The parka jacket and combat trousers will be made of a material called "sateen" instead of gabardine, and the parka will have a detachable hood and include breast and pencil pockets. A heavy cardigan jersey, to be worn under the combat smock, is undergoing trials and may replace the present woollen jersey. As the outer woollen gloves now worn over another pair as well as woollen wristlets, are not wholly waterproof, a number of experimental patterns in plastic material are now being studied, as are improved types of snow goggles which eliminate metal parts and prevent misting up.

All troops will also be provided with the bigger size of sleeping bags, including a press button fastener to a long exit slit for quick exit in an emergency, and a new pattern of fully waterproof valise.

ARMoured VESTS

The U.S. Marine-type nylon armoured vests, 1,000 of which had been issued to the Commonwealth Division, had come to stay. A new pattern, looking rather like a life-jacket and weighing 8½ lbs., was

now being tried. Fighting troops were unanimously in favour of them, as they were sure that they saved casualties and reduced the seriousness of particular wounds. Armoured trousers were also being considered. All present patterns had been made in the United States, but when they had passed the experimental stage they would be put in production in Britain.

Our men in Korea were better fed than the people at home, Sir Ouvry added. All but the outpost platoons received the American fresh ration, which was brought up to railroad in refrigerator vans daily and included turkey, chicken, ham and eggs — not on special occasions but as a matter of course. Troops in the most forward positions could not, naturally, be so well fed, and they lived on one-man pack rations supplied by the Americans and containing a high proportion of beans. "I thought they would be rather tired of beans," he said, "but the men I spoke to would not hear of it. With the packs were small heaters on which the tin could be warmed."

One thing the troops would appreciate was more newspapers sent out by air. It was not easy to supply them in bulk because the air freight charge was £1,500 a ton compared with £8.10s by sea, but General Roberts appealed to families to send individual issues.

Of the Chinese enemy, General Roberts said that they were jolly good fighters. They had about the same qualities as fighters as the Japanese he had met in Burma, and fought in much the same way. But in better soldiers, having learned from experience what the Jap never learned. The Jap was rigidly trained and unable to adapt himself to the conditions of warfare. The Chinese had been able to adapt themselves much better. For that reason, and because they had Russian equipment and, obviously, Soviet training advice, they were better soldiers than the Japanese were.

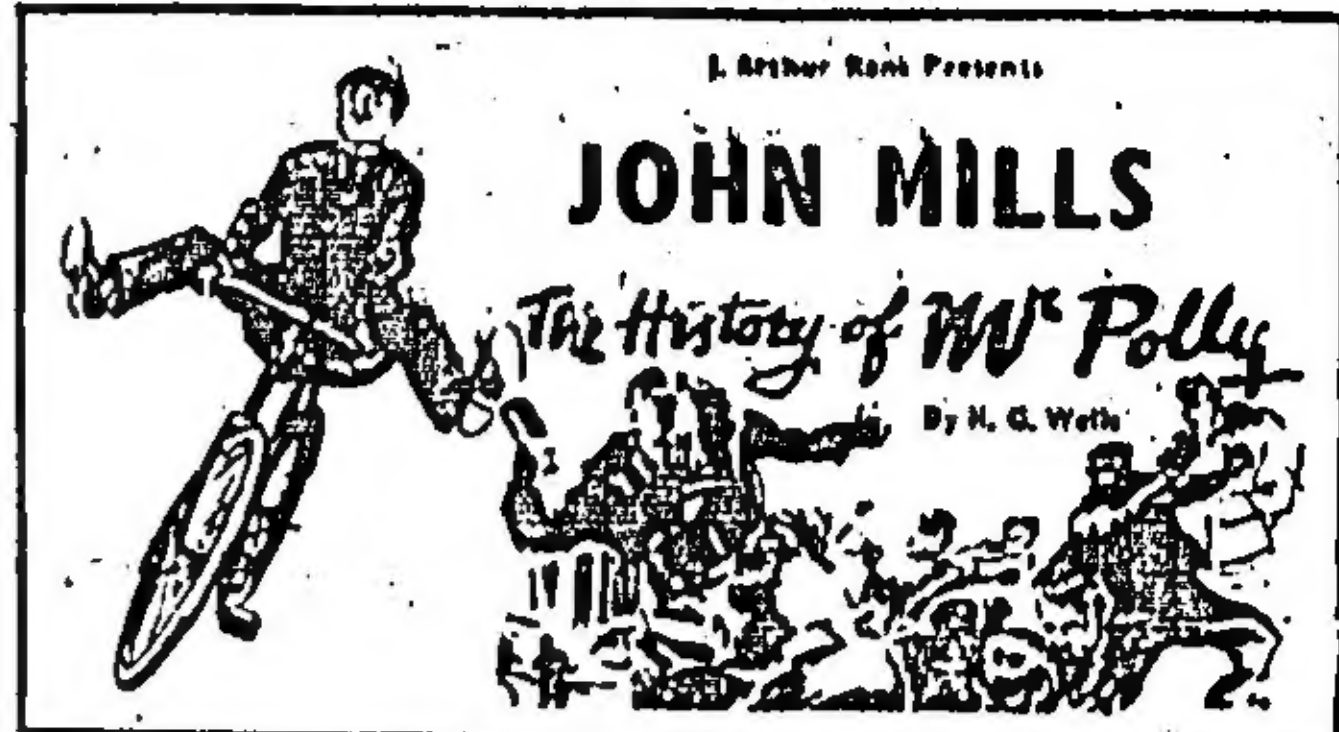
"Nevertheless," he concluded, "the British soldier feels superior man to man. He has no illusions about the Chinese, and knows that he is a good fighter prepared to kill but he knows that he himself, backed by all his superior equipment and support, is in every way superior."



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"DE mortuis nil
nisi bonum."
With this
quotation from
Harold Laski, Mr Kingsley
Martin, perhaps imprudent-
ly, prefaces his biography*
of that eminent figure.

This is not to say that Mr
Martin's book is all bunkum.
Far from it. But it suffers from
the defects inherent in any
book written by a close friend
less than three years after his
hero's death. The censor's swing,
a cloud obscures our vision, we
are bemused by the sweet and
over-powering smell of incense.
The book is not so much a
biography as a devotional
exercise.

The doctrinaires

THE author and the subject
had much in common. En-
thusiastic Marxist of the most
doctrinaire kind, passionate
Socialists whose advocacy fre-
quently embarrassed their own
party, they represented the
very type of the left wing in-
tellectual whose influence was
so great between the wars.

Neither of them was a Com-
munist, but both had a strong
sympathy for the Soviet State.
And both Laski and his bio-
grapher have been singularly
impervious to the intellectual
revolution which since 1945 has
convinced most British So-
cialists that Russia is not in
fact the Utopia of the working
class.

Village defeat

IT should not, however, be
thought that Laski and Kings-
ley Martin held entirely identical
views. There is a vein of de-
fiant acidity in the New
Statesman—once aptly described
as "the Billings Weekly"—which
is not present in Laski's por-
tentous and prolix writing. Nor,
apparently, did Laski see eye to
eye with his biographer at the
time of the Munich crisis. Then
it will be remembered, Mr
Kingsley Martin was an ad-
vocate of appeasement; indeed,
the New Statesman urged the

* Harold Laski, by Kingsley Martin
(Collins, 21s.)

by Robert
BLAKEKINGSLEY MARTIN
... exercise with incense.

Czechs to surrender the
Sudetenland to Hitler weeks
before even The Times or Mr
Chamberlain came round to
that lamentable policy. Laski
did not share this view.

Moreover, these two ad-
vocates of the "people's
cause" have had differing suc-
cesses when they endeavoured
to persuade "the people" to
vote for them.

Mr Kingsley Martin has ad-
mittedly only made one such
attempt, when he stood for the
parish council of Little Easton,
Dunmow, the Essex village in
which he lives—and was de-
feated. Laski, perhaps wisely,
confined his electioneering to
the ranks of the converted, and
in 1935 with Mr D. N. Pritt was elected to
the national executive of the
Socialist Party.

This was to have important
consequences. The chairman-
ship of the executive goes by a
system of rotation annually to
the next senior member, and in
1945, the critical election year,
Laski was the man.

Having, as this book shows,
an abundant sense of his own
importance, he was not one to
efface himself in such circum-
stances. When Mr Churchill
invited Mr Attlee to accompany
him to Potsdam before the
election, Laski issued what ap-
peared almost as an ultimatum
to the Socialist leader, warning

him that he could not blind the
Socialist Party.

Such an impertinent state-
ment from someone who was
not even an MP provoked an
uproar. Laski was publicly at-
tacked in the Conservative
Press, and privately criticized
by many Socialists.

Sensitive

LASKI, like many persons
whose language against
others is of the most violent
nature, seems to have been
highly sensitive to criticism. He
attributed these attacks to an-
ti-Semitism, though there was no
foundation whatever for such a
belief. Laski's own conduct
was quite enough to explain the
resentment that he caused.

The 1945 election produced
the famous Laski libel action,
ostensibly against the Newark
Advertiser—in reality against
the Daily Express. In a meet-
ing at Newark, Laski was said
to have declared that if the
Socialists could not achieve
their aims by consent "we shall
have to use violence, even if it
means revolution." A number
of papers, including the Daily
Express, gave prominence to
this. Laski promptly issued a
denial and several writs for
libel.

Laski lost

THE case was tried more than
a year later—November
1946.

Mr Kingsley Martin does not
reveal that at an early stage
the Daily Express was willing
to agree. If Laski discontinued
the action, that both sides
should pay their own costs, and
that the Express would not give
publicity to the withdrawal. At
that stage costs would not have
been heavy. Laski, however,
confident, so Laski, however,
that he could not only win but
get damages to the tune of
£19,000, refused to agree to
this.

The result was disastrous. Sir
Patrick Hastings, briefed for
1,000 guineas by the defence,
subjected Laski to a devastating
and brilliant examination.
The special jury (i.e., a jury of
persons with a modest property
qualification) found against him.
The costs were immense.
Those of the defence totalled
£8,000, of which Laski was

called upon to pay 4,000 guineas.
His own costs amounted to
£9,000. Too late, the Socialists
passed a measure abolishing
special juries. A fund had to
be raised to save Laski from
ruin. In fact £15,000 was
raised—£2,000 more than was
needed. Laski was not ruined
—he left £19,000—but the
episode was a bitter blow to
him.

With the end of the libel case
he faded from the public eye.
He died in 1950. Never really
an important figure, Laski
seemingly merits a panegyric like
this book. Perhaps the last
word can be left with Sir
Patrick Hastings, who is reput-
ed to have observed after the
famous trial, "Alas, poor Laski,
I knew him well." There is
not much more to be said.

Shameful side
of Churchill's
holiday island

By BEVERLEY BAXTER, M.P.

Montego Bay, Jamaica.
THERE is a quickening
of the tempo here in
Jamaica. Although we
swim and yacht and laze in
the sun, there is the know-
ledge that Winston Church-
ill, Prime Minister of
Great Britain, is among us.

As an artist he will be en-
tranced by the charming beauty
of the sea with its myriad shades
of blue and green.

As an author he will be stirred
by the soft voices of the coloured
folk and the artless, formless
movement of the people in the
streets—women carrying baskets
on their heads, and men moving
with that drawing leg of the
Jegs as if time was made only
for white.

Let there be no mistake about
it, Jamaica is booming as a
tourist resort. Americans and
Canadians have discovered its
radiant beauty, sunshine, and
even the British have learned
that they can travel to this
Paradise on the forty wings of
sterling and keep themselves
alive on the same currency.

On paper

Despite the fact that Columbus
found Jamaica, it is part of the
British Empire. It may seem that
unfortunate designation. I do
not want to cause any blood-
boiling among our Imperial
apologists, but we do own
Jamaica and administer it for
the combined benefit of Britain
and the Jamaicans in conjunction
with the island's elected assembly.

At least that is what we do on
paper. What we do in fact is
something rather different.

Jamaica is a land of sudden
contrasts. The sun shines every
day in January, but there may
come a sudden storm that whips
the sea to a frenzy and makes
the beaches forbidding. Yet Mr
Churchill will find that there are
other contrasts which are made
by men and are more menacing
than storm at sea.

Therefore, with great respect,
I urge him not to be too much
impressed by the sunny pros-
perity of the tourist industry
and here, to consider the ominous
and even shameful economic
surrender which has taken place
in this British colony over the
last five years.

Roughly Jamaica has a popu-
lation of 1,500,000, of whom only
a small proportion depend on
tourism. I am sorry to tell you
that there is serious unemploy-
ment among the non-tourism
workers.

Is that inevitable? Not at all.
As one who was born in the
outer Empire and who believes
passionately in the greatness of
the Empire, I have to declare
that Jamaica is just one more
chapter in the long story of fail-
ure to develop our Imperial re-
sources.

The men

Let me give you one example.
In this favoured island there
are important resources of
bauxite, which is the basic ele-
ment of aluminium. Whether
for peace or war bauxite is of
urgent, vital importance. So let
us now proclaim the news that
three men have thrown their
wealth and their energy into
extorting this chemical from
the good earth of Jamaica.
Perhaps Mr Churchill will
meet Mr Reynolds, for the Prime
Minister has always enjoyed
talking to Americans. He might
hear at first hand how the re-

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GIVE-BACK
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Brussels.
BELGIUM'S Confedera-
tion of Political Pri-
soners have announced that
the lives of 15,000 World
War II resistance workers
are in danger.

They claim that the proposal
to hand over to the German
authorities all documents re-
ferring to the men and women
who suffered in Nazi con-
centration camps during the war,
when the Allied High Commis-
sion ends, is causing acute
anxiety to their members.
These documents were captured
when the Nazi horror camps,
Gestapo centres and police
headquarters were overrun and
searched by the Allies.

And, the Belgian Confederation
are fighting tooth and nail
against the proposal to give
them to the Germans for two
reasons:

1. If these documents, filed
with Nazi thoroughness, and
giving details of the exploits
and heroism of their members'
'crimes', fall into the hands of
a potential enemy—German or
Russian—the fate of the patriots
would be sealed.

2. The revival of Belgium's
resistance movement in the
event of another war would be
destroyed.

DETAILS GIVEN

The Confederation have
asked Belgium's Foreign Minis-
ter, Mr Paul Van Zeeland, for
assurances that these documents
will either be returned to
Belgium or placed under the
care of a former Belgian
resistance leader.

The records are now in the
hands of the Allied High Com-
missioners in Western Germany.
Amongst them are details of
the living and dead of the
former horror camps at Belson,
Mauthausen, Papenburg, and
Stutzhof-Natzweiler.

Conducting the "give us back
the records" campaign for the
15,000 Belgians who lived
through the concentration camps
is 30-year-old Jean Van
Peteghem and his 30-year-old
secretary, Nollie Ceunynck. He
was tortured for helping the
Allied Intelligence Service. She
lived in horror camps from
1942 until the liberation for
helping British aviators along
the escape routes.

ONE SWOOP

Commented Jean Van Pete-
ghem from his office in the
Palais d'Egmont: "Our Con-
federation will not accept in its
present form the proposal to
hand these documents over to
the Germans on an assurance
that a committee of Allied
supervisors will protect our in-
terests. We want them either
right here in this office, where
they belong, and can be pre-
served for use in our eight-year
hunt for Belgians who did not
return from concentration
camps. Or we shall prevail up-
on our Foreign Minister to ap-
point a Belgian supervisor
whom we shall nominate."

"The documents until now
have been the property of
UNRRA, the International Re-
fugee Organisation, and the
High Commissioners."

"Even a child can see the
threat to our men. If there
were another war, and the
Germans held the records, we
could be caught in one swoop.
And we do not intend to let
that happen."

Where?

Where are the new adven-
turers, the new colonists, the
new men of vision? The
almighty dollar has replaced the
crusader's cross.

Mr Churchill, we hope that
you will find time to paint a
picture of the magically beau-
tiful East coast, because it will
be a matter of great pride to those
who dwell on this side of the
island.

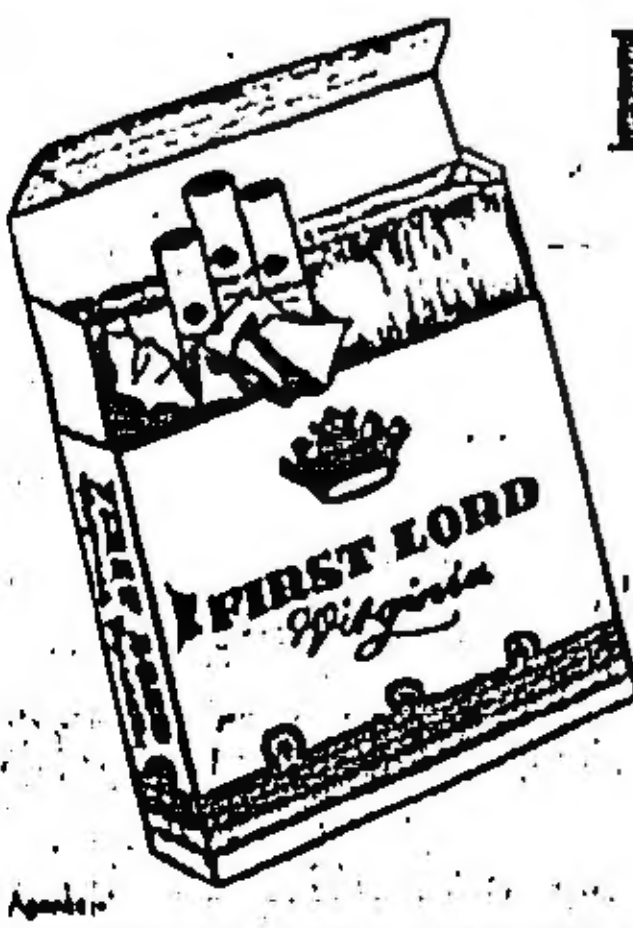
But when you pause for a rest,
you might let your eyes gaze far
away to Boeg Island on the west
coast. There, on the top of a
hill sits a clever little man—and
most clever men are short of
inches—who spins his web and
whistles Yankee Doodle as the
web grows.

He is the Mr Reynolds whom
I mentioned a few moments ago,
an admirable, bold American,
who is proud to think that the
vital resources of a British
colony are going to make his
Land of Hope and old Glory
mighty yet.

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| Pass | Pass |
| Opening lead—♦ K | |

By OSWALD JACOBY

THIS week I begin a new policy in discussing bidding. From now on I will describe the strength of any hand in terms of the popular 4-3-2-1 point count.

This is not a sudden decision. I have believed in point-count bidding ever since 1935, when Howard Schenken and I presented the Four Aces point count.

Our idea was good, but our timing was wrong. We were 15 years ahead of the millions of bridge players in this country, and it was necessary to wait until they got ready to accept the new idea.

It seems to me that most bridge players are not familiar with the point count, so I can return to that way of describing a hand without worrying about confusing my readers.

Just in case you're not familiar with the point count, I'll run a few articles to teach it. Count each suit in your hand as 4 points each king, 3 each queen, 2 each jack, 1 each.

There are 10 points in each suit, and 40 points in the whole deck. You and your partner usually need 26 points to make a game; 33 points to make a small slam; 37 points to make a grand slam.

I open the bidding with one spade when you have balanced distribution, stoppers in at least three suits (hearts, diamonds, clubs, and spades), and a count of 10 to 15 points. For example, take the South hand shown today. South has a count of 10 points, balanced distribution, and a stopper in each of the four suits.

North raises to game because he has 10 points and knows that the combined count is 20 points. That should be enough for game and isn't even close to enough for a slam.

Good bidding doesn't do away with the need for good play. South must lead West's bid of 1 spade with the king of spades. If West is then foolish enough to continue the spades, South has two extra winners in the suit and has time enough to develop the diamonds.

If West sticks to a heart at the second trick, the best defense, declarer must jump to the ace of hearts to begin the diamonds without delay. West can take the king of diamonds but cannot then prevent declarer from developing nine tricks.

South loses his game because he plays a low heart from dummy at the second trick. East takes the king of hearts and then leads to spades, thus setting up West's long suit. Now West will surely get in with the king of clubs and time to set the contract with the rest of the spades.

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

West North East South
3 Hearts 3 Spades 3 Hearts 3 Spades
You, South, hold: Spades 9-8-4, Hearts 10-9, Diamonds K-4-2, Clubs A-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2.

A—Hold five clubs. This jump bid indicates that you have a good suit and fair strength. If North has a really nice hand, he may go on to slam. Otherwise he can pass you at your game contract.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding has been:
North South West East
1 N.T. Pass 3 Spades 3 Spades
You, South, hold: Spades 10-1, Hearts 9-8-7, Diamonds A-10-9-8, Clubs Q-10-9-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB-BELLS

WILL YOU MARRY ME?
YES, BUT SAY THE WORD AND I'LL NOT BACK ON MY WORD AS LONG AS I LIVE

THE LUCKY GUY

CHESS PROBLEM

By L. D. LXRIS
Black, 7 pieces.

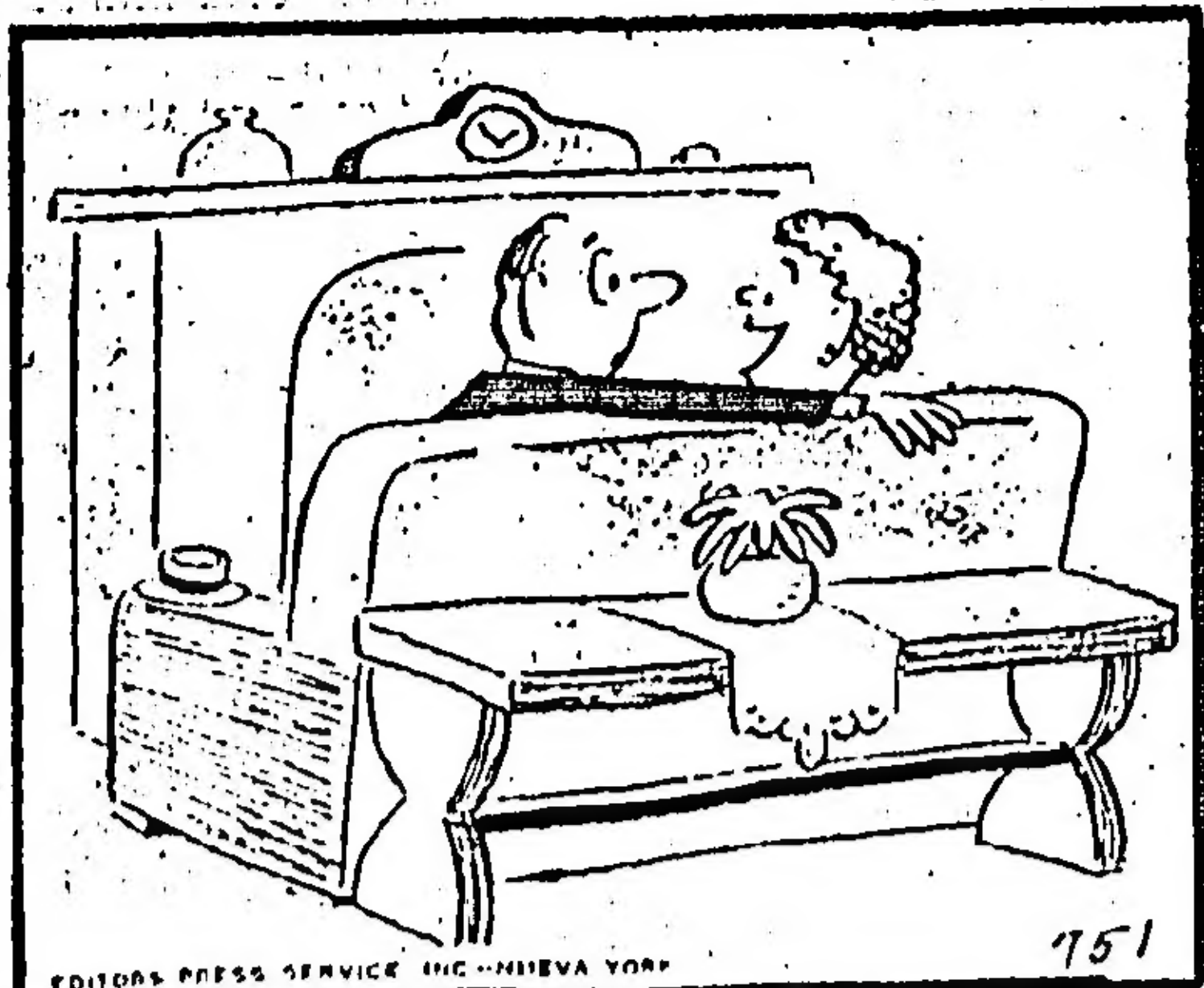
White, 6 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. B-K7; threat 2. B-K6.
(a) 1. B-K6; 2. B-K6.
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(b) 1. B-K6; 2. B-K6.



"I'll marry you on just one condition—ask me."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

BORN on the first day of the month, you are a natural leader. You have a good head for business and know how to take care of financial matters expeditiously. It is likely that you will accumulate a considerable fortune during your lifetime. If you don't, you will have no one but yourself to blame.

You have a deep love of home and will want your own family. Consequently, it is likely that you will be happiest if you wed in your early twenties, at the latest, and start a home and family of your own. Never try to hide your true emotions. On the other hand, don't rush to marry in showing your true love and sentiment for those in your close family circle without having it detract from your "dignity."

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be constructive in your ideas and the way in which you carry them out for excellent results.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Pay strict attention to all details of plans projected at this time. Make sure you are right.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you start a savings account now, later on you can buy that special something you want!

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Daydreaming is not likely to get you anywhere now. Actions are what really count.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Be tactful with friends or you might give offense unwittingly. Act as peacekeeper if an argument starts.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—Haste may make waste, so slow down to a good, steady walk and you'll get a lot more done.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 23)—If there's a discussion, keep your temper. Let others do all the talking. You listen!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Sometimes the emotional appeal is the best one. Today is one of the times when you may wish to use it.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Favorable aspects are working in your behalf even if it seems otherwise. Be co-operative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Minor differences, if you are able to arbitrate them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 21)—A quick decision may secure an opportunity which you had previously thought impossible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—If criticism directed at you is well-intentioned, listen to it. Otherwise, ignore it.

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★ ★ WOMANSENSE ★ ★

★ ★ WHY ARE THERE SO FEW WOMEN DESIGNERS? ★ ★



FASHIONSENSE of a British young woman designer.

London. By Dorothy Barkley

WOMEN have entered and reached the top of many leading lines of business, but in the line which is immediate concern to them—fashion designing—very few indeed are actually at the top. Of the First Eleven London designers not one is a woman, though Elspeth Champcommunal is one of the leading designers at Worth. And Paris can claim Mme. Schiaparelli amongst the foremost couturiers. But these are exceptions, rather than the rule.

The stock explanation, commonly accepted, is that "women just do not have talents in that direction." Fortunately, among the young would-be designers in London at the moment, there is at least one who is determined to change this. She is 25-year-old Heather Standring. Her own road into the fashion world led through the conventional art school entrance. She took a three years' general art course, and then a two years' tailoring and cutting course.

She was fortunate, too, in her family background. Her father is a textile designer, and so she grew up with a first-hand knowledge of contemporary trends in design; her mother was formerly a fashion artist, and

was naked, "Where did you buy that dress?"

Three current suggestions from her sketchbook are illustrated. Suits follow the 1920 line—round shouldered straight jacket, belted in over the hips, and straight skirt with "kick" pleats on the side seams. High funnel necks and buttoned tabs on jacket and skirt give them an authentic "flapper" look. Material is felt, unusual for suits, but effective since it hangs stiffly.

Sleeves, on anything from topcoats to wedding accessories, are cleverly tucked and seamed so that they fit to the arm like a second skin. (See illustration). Inspiration here came from the Victorians.

Dual-purpose formal dresses for cocktail or evening have a new look. The design illustrated is in tulle, lined with contrasting coloured satin. It has a boned top and an unusual skirt. Each section is cut in the shape of a diamond, lined with contrasting colour, and sewn on separately.

Clothes, Heather feels, are best when punctuated with bright, individual accessories. As current fashion tips she suggests a white felt Garbo hat with undulating brim, an embroidered waistcoat in the style of a Regency Buck, a burnt orange blouse worn with a black skirt, and cut-glass earrings of the chandelier type.

Heather has plenty of ideas, and what is more, a flair for carrying them out.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

What Do Pins Do At Night?

—They Do Good Deeds and Have Lots of Fun, Too—

By MAX TRELL

"LAST night," Christopher Cricket was saying to Knart and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "the pins and needles in Mother's sewing basket all decided to go for a walk around the house. Everyone in the house was fast asleep, of course, I mean, all the

people were. I was the only one who saw what happened."

Knart and Hanid were eager to hear what happened when pins and needles in Mother's sewing basket went for a walk around the house, so they begged Christopher to tell them the rest of the story.

Clock Struck Twelve
"I'll tell it to you gladly," he said. "It all began when the clock struck twelve. Suddenly the top of the sewing basket popped off.

The next second one of the pins looked over the top. Then he shouted back to the rest of the pins and needles in the basket: 'Come out, come out, wherever you are!'

"Well," continued Christopher, "I never saw such goings-on. The pins came hopping out, one after the other, and landed on the carpet, all standing up on their sharp points. A safety pin hopped out, too. After they were all there, out came the needles, hopping even higher and livelier, and they all stood on the carpet on their sharp points, too.

"Then they formed a long line, the pins first and the needles second. 'Forward march!' shouted the pin leader. And away they went, hop-hop-hop, right out of the room. I followed right after them, for I wanted to see where they went and what they did."

"And where did they go, and what did they do?" asked Hanid. "First," replied Christopher, "they went down into the cellar where the cat was waiting to catch a mouse. She was just about to catch one when the pins all stuck her in the tail and she ran away as fast as she could. This seemed to please the needles as much as it did the pins, and they all danced around the cellar with the mice, who were more pleased than the pins and the needles put together.

Marched Upstairs Again
"Then, after bidding the mice to take good care of themselves and to be sure to call on them if the cat ever bothered them again, the pins and needles marched upstairs again. Then they walked all through the hallways and all through the rooms. 'Come out,



The needles and pins danced around the cellar with the mice.

come out, wherever you are!' they kept shouting. And an amazing thing happened."

"What happened, Christopher?"

"From all the cracks in the floor—under the carpets, from behind the chairs and couches and bookcases—came more pins and needles!"

"What were they doing there, Christopher?"

"They were the lost ones," said Christopher. "They were the pins and needles that had been dropped and never found again. Some of them had been lost for months, some of them had been lost for years. Some were bent. Some were rusty. But all of them shouted for joy to see their old friends. And they all ran to hug and kiss each other."

"And when all the lost ones had come out of their hiding-places, their bright and shining friends did a wonderful thing for them. Those pins that were bent, they carefully straightened out. And those pins that were rusty, they rubbed with an oiled rag until they sparkled as bright as moonbeams. And they did the same for the lost needles. Finally all the lost pins and needles looked as new and sharp as though they had been made only yesterday."

"And then they all went into the kitchen. And they made a merry dance out of a pot cover which they spun around the floor. And they played leap-frog over a salt shaker, and played baseball with a pea for a ball and a matchstick for a bat. They slid down a string of spoon and danced along the edge of a knife. But the best sport of all was to jump on the screen door and stick themselves into the holes."

"And when the clock struck five, and the sun came in through the windows, the pins and needles rushed back into the sewing basket, all except the lost ones who went right back to their hiding places."

"And that's what I saw last night, though I'm quite sure no one else in the house did, for they all played fast asleep."

Rupert and the Diamond Leaf—31



Rupert is so taken by surprise that he slips part of the way off the rock. "Oh dear, I didn't know the rock was yours," he gasps. "I can't understand you. You speak English." "Of course I do," says the great bird solemnly. "I speak the language of all the birds."

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of the Company, 10, Des Voeux

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on Saturday, the 7th day of

February, 1953, at 2:30 p.m.,

for the purpose of receiving

and considering the reports

of the Directors and of the

Auditors and the Profit and

Loss Account and Balance

Sheet for the year ended 31st

December, 1952, and for the

election of Directors and the

appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the

Company will be closed from

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1953 to Saturday, 7th

February, 1953 (both days

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no transfer of shares can be

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By Order of the Board,

KAN TONG PO,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th Jan., 1953.

NOTICE

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Matriculation Examination

June, 1953

Candidates are reminded that all entries for the above examination must be in the hands of the Registrar by MONDAY, 2nd February, 1953.

A. ROWE-EVANS, Examinations Secretary.

19th January, 1953.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/s "AJAX"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Godard & Douglas at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on January 22, 1953, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1953.

This Machine Can Wrap Up A Car

London, Jan. 20.

Machines for wrapping anything from cars to shaving soap are on show at the National Packaging Exhibition which opened today at Olympia.

It was opened by the Minister of Food, Major Lloyd George.

One Essex firm is showing a machine that wraps a racing car in a complete plastic envelope before crating it for export.

Another machine half wraps shaving sticks in silver foil, then completely wraps them in cellophane, before inserting them in a carton, which it finally seals.

An automatic filling machine is capable of filling 100 bottles a minute, and is "suitable for a vast range of liquids," say the makers.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per

NIPPON Yusen Kaisha

m.s. "AKITA MARU"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignee's risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and condition of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godown for examination by Consignee and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Godard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 22nd January, 1953.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 1st February, 1953, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO. LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m.s. "PYRRHUS"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and Noon on January 22 and 24, 1953, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

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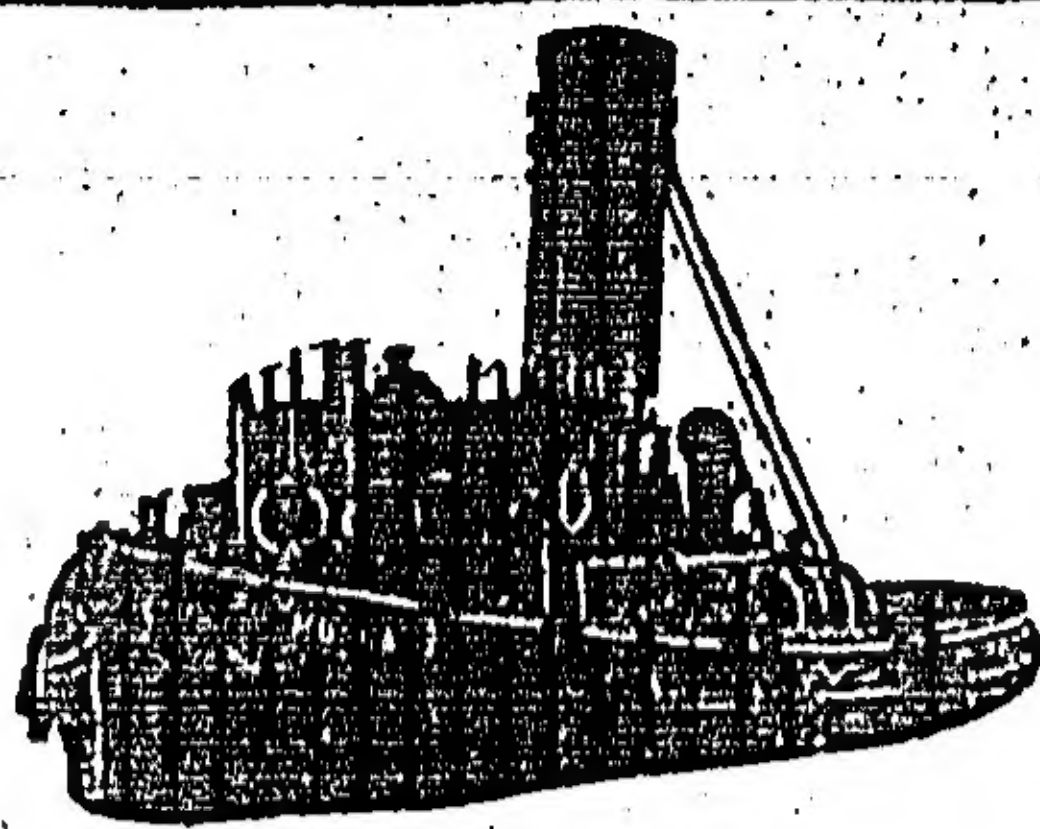
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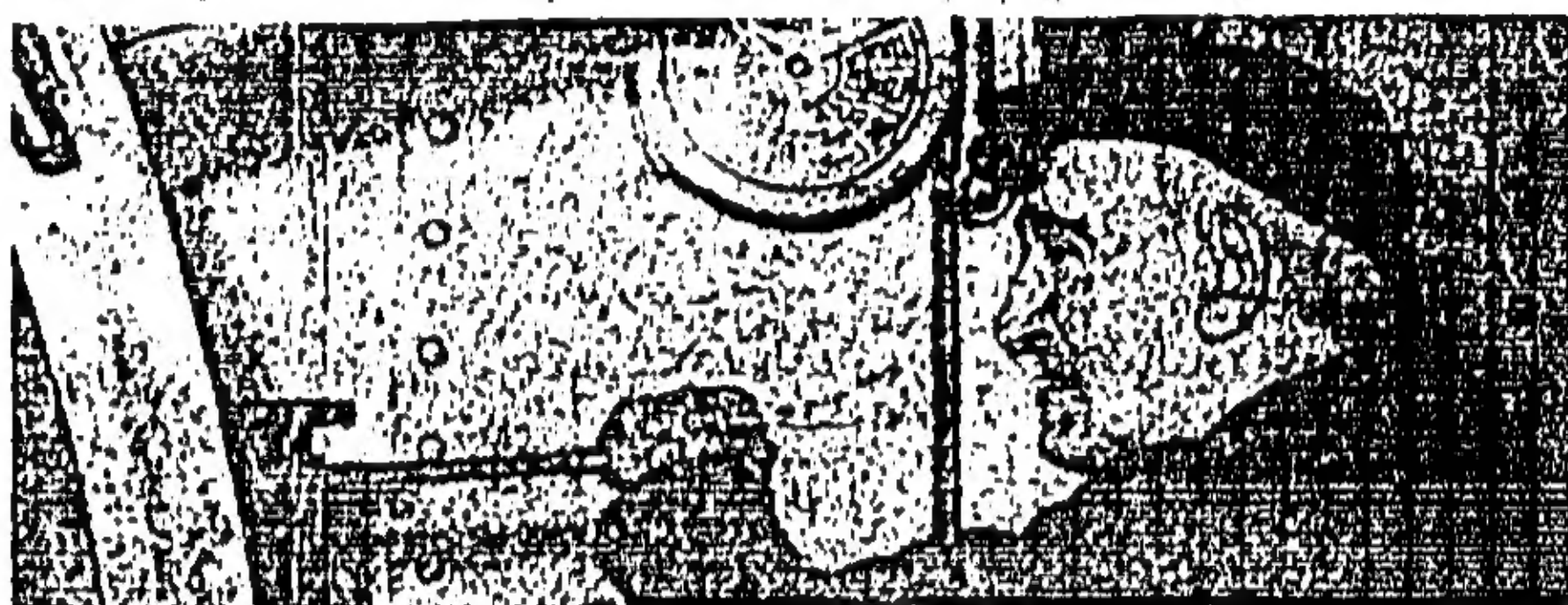
TOWER BRIDGE TUG



The floating
patrol
keeps watch
by Act
of Parliament



The Musca—on guard.



FIREMAN REGINALD GOULDEN (left), aged 16, goes below to do some stoking. Engineer Bert Roper (above) is 67, and has had 40 years' service with his firm.



Day and night, for 59 years . . .

by **GORDON HOLMAN**
PICTURES BY VICTOR DREES



TEA-TIME ON THE THAMES

TEA-TIME in the Musca: "Mate" Cliff Sumner, Engineer Bert Roper, and Fireman Reginald Goulden. To maintain the unbroken guard, the tug has three crews. The alarm signal is given on a whistle from the Tower Bridge Master's office.

DAY and night for 59 years unbroken watch has been kept from a tug, with steam up, within hailing distance of Tower Bridge.

On the flood tide, the guard tug is usually to be seen at Norwood's Pier, about 100 yards below the bridge. On the ebb tide, it is just above the bridge at Wighams Road, and any body crossing the bridge could pitch a penny on to the deck.

Three crews

To maintain the unbroken guard, the Musca needs three crews. Mr. Harris's fellow "Masters" are Mr. Alfred Saunders of Landon, Essex, and Mr. Harry Apps, of Northfleet, Kent. "Most of the traffic is within two hours, either way, of the high tide," said Mr. Harris. "We all take a turn at being on watch. The signal we wait for is a double or triple blast on a whistle from the Tower Bridge Master's office up above."

What the Musca is expected to do is explained in the Act of Parliament which compels the City of London Corporation to keep her close to Tower Bridge. They must "provide and maintain a steam tug upon the River

Thames between the Shadwell entrance to the London docks and London Bridge for the purpose of assisting vessels and barges navigating the centre of the Upper Pool."

Mr. Harris, born in Southwark almost within sight of the Pool of London, was only five years old when the first guard tug, the Wasp, steamed under Tower Bridge. Now he is 64 and lives at Ilford.

Sitting in the small forecastle, with a saucepan of water boiling on the stove in preparation for the meal he was about to prepare, the keen-faced "skipper" wears civilian clothes—recalled the Musca's predecessors.

"The Mosquito followed the Wasp, and then came the Naja, Adder and Viper," he said. Through two wars the watch was kept, but the cost was heavy. A direct hit by a bomb sank the Naja in 1944, and six men of the guard-ship crews were killed.

All the tugs, from the time the watch began, have been supplied under contract by Messrs. Gascolec and Son.

"I have been one of their tug-masters for 31 years," said Mr. Harris. "My engineer, Mr. Bert Roper, has had about 40 years' service with them."

"Some people have the idea that this is the tug that never sails and that we are not worth the money it costs to keep us here. That is nonsense. Three or four times a week we move off to prevent a barge that is 'driving' about from hitting the bridge."

She swam

"A 2,000-ton cargo vessel lying just outside the Pool now might have done considerable damage to the bridge if we had not been ready to help her."

"She was in tow, but her steering gear failed, and we had to hook up on her stern to control her."

More than once during the three years Mr. Harris has been on Tower Bridge watch, the Musca has answered the call after somebody has fallen in the river from the bridge.

"Last time the woman who went in found it so cold she swam ashore and left us looking around in the dark," said Mr. Harris.

Although Mr. Harris is never more than 100 yards from land, Mrs. Harris has never been on board the Musca. "She does not like the water," said Mr. Harris. "Years ago she came on board another tug of which I was the master. All she was interested in was the cooking stove."

Mr. Harris's daughter works in a bank. His son is mate in a Blue Star ship.

A signal came from the control station high above the Musca and Mr. Harris climbed quickly on to the bridge of the tug. She moved out into the river as the bescules of Tower Bridge

old Fireman Reginald Goulden. They come from Charlton. They both like the open air life; but when the 24-hour turn of duty is ended they go off to very different recreations. Goulden goes fishing or cycling. Sumner plays the piano-accordion.

£250,000 bill

Big day for the Musca comes once a fortnight. Then the steams out of sight of Tower Bridge to coal.

Total cost of the floating patrol around the last bridge over the Thames is now about £250,000.

The bridge it guards cost nearly £1,200,000 and took eight years to build. It costs about £40,000 a year to maintain.

The ships that come through Tower Bridge to load and discharge at Hay's, Gunshot, Symon's, and the other wharves in the Pool of London in the course of a year are worth millions of pounds.

The Musca is as much their guardian as she is that of the bridge.

"SKIPPER" CHARLES HARRIS, 64, on the bridge of Tower Bridge tug Musca, waits for a call. Mr. Harris, born in Southwark, almost within sight of the Pool of London, has been one of his firm's tug masters for 31 years. He and his crew of three keep watch for 24 hours at a time.

Mail Notices

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

By Air
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m.
C.P.A.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., New York, Canada, 6 p.m.
N.W.A.L.
Japan, 6 p.m.
B.O.A.C.
Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
Japan, 1 p.m., as Panyu.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

By Air
Formosa, 9 a.m., via C.A.T.
Philippines, Okinawa, U.S.A., (San Francisco), Noon, P.A.A.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, B.O.A.C.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.

By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Malaya, East, South Africa, 11 a.m., as Panyu.
Philippines, 1 p.m., as Java Mail.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

By Air
Formosa, 9 a.m., via C.A.T.
Philippines, U.S.A., Canada, 9 a.m., C.P.A.L.
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 11 a.m., as Panyu.
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Vietnam.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m., P.A.A.
Philippines, Okinawa, U.S.A., (Seattle & Western States), Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.
Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Middle East, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Philippines, 1 p.m., as Panyu.
Indonesia, 11 a.m., as Panyu.
Siam, 2 p.m., as Panyu.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

By Air
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, U.S.A., Canada, Noon, P.A.A.
Siam, Burma, India, 4.30 p.m., Thai Airways.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

The clue is "of the year." One hundred and one years ago, in 1842, the first issue of the China Mail was published. The solution is: 1842.

Living Language

Why we say Plod.

To plod means to make one's way heavily and with difficulty. It comes from the Irish "plod" which means a pool, and "plodding along" gives the impression of walking through mud and mire.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.02, A Robert Stolz Concert, 6.30, Come into the Fun—Music and Song from Northern Ireland (BBCRS); 7, Time Signal and World News (London Radio); 7.10, Musical by Victor Roland (Baritone) with Piano Accompaniment by Moya Rea (Concert Hall); 7.20, Orchestra, The Week—London Studio Concert, The New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Donald W. Smith (BBCRS); 7.25, Weather Report; 8, Inauguration of Dwight Eisenhower as President of the United States. A Broadcast from Washington, introduced by Leonard Maltin (London Radio); 8.30, Lucky Dip—Variety features presented by Marguerite (Studio); 9, "Family Album" by Noel Coward. Produced for the Hongkong Stage Club by Christabel Wheatley (Studio); 9.30, Appointment with Music, 10, Musical Comedy Favourites; 10.30, Dancing Time with Joe Low and his Orchestra; 10.40, Weather Report; 11, Radio News Reel (Recorded London News); 11.10, Goodnight Music; Good Bye, Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

Canadian Is "Scootering" Across Africa

London, Jan. 20. "Spike" Rhindon is on his way across Africa to the Cape on his Scootamobile.

It is his way of testing his new design of luxury scooter—which has self-starter, a windscreen and a roof—before putting it into production. He hopes to complete the 10,000-mile journey in three weeks.

A less spectacular method of demonstrating the performance of a modern motor scooter was adopted by two Vespa owners, who competed in the recent London-Exeter night trial.

Obviously, the scooter has ceased to be an amusing novelty, and the time will soon be here when, as is already the case in Italy, it is as commonplace a form of transport as a bicycle or car.

When that happens, if the Italian example is followed still further, special races for these little machines may be run on the airfield and road circuits of Britain. In which case, tuned standard models will soon give way to real racers. In Italy there are several capable of more than 80 m.p.h. while the very latest example, an MV Augusta with an overhead camshaft engine but still having wheelbarrow-sized wheels, should have a maximum speed of almost 95 m.p.h.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Don't catch cold, dear! Remember the air force dance tomorrow night, and the marines Tuesday!"

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